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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1ST BATTALION.

LANCE-SERGEANTS PROMOTED SERGEANTS.—No. 6180 W. Hake and No. 7132 W. Keeble, dated 5th March 1910.

CORPORALS APPOINTED LANCE-SERGEANTS.—No. 7454 R. Driscoll and No. 6580 J. Fenwick, dated 5th March, 1910.

LANCE-CORPORALS PROMOTED CORPORALS.—No. 8566 W. Selves and No. 8366 H. Sewell, dated 5th March, 1910.

PRIVATES APPOINTED LANCE-CORPORALS.—No. 5438 H. Pierce No. 8698 J. Golding, and No. 6768 (Drummer) F. Brockett, dated 5th March, 1910; No. 8584 S. Judd, dated 8th March, 1910; No. 6949 B. Sharp, dated 15th March, 1910.

APPOINTED DRUMMER.—No. 8021 Private H. Shrubsole, dated 5th March, 1910.

2ND BATTALION.

APPOINTED LANCE CORPORAL.—No. 9078 J. Heath, dated 12th January, 1910, and No. 6074 A. Price, dated 15th November, 1909.

3RD BATTALION.

Richard Lloyd Travers, late Cadet Haileybury College Contingent Officers Training Corps, to be Second Lieutenant (on probation), dated 19th March, 1910.

REGIMENTAL COMPASSIONATE FUND.

The Officer Commanding the Depot acknowledges the receipt with thanks of the following subscriptions:—

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Col. C. E. Hallett
Lieut.-Col. N. H. S. Lowe
Col. C. E. C. B. Harrison
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Major C. V. Molony
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Capt. R. L. White
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Lieut. F. J. Hearle
Lieut. W. C. O. Phillips
Lieut. R. G. C. Brock...
Lieut. F. Fisher
Lieut. E. F. Moulton-Barrett...

1ST BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

BORDON,
23rd March, 1910.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The last month has been a busy period, as the training season began in the middle of February, when A, C, E, and H Companies commenced their field training.

The manœuvring areas around here are quite good, and give varied types of ground to manœuvre over, there being only one feature common to all, viz., swamps and bogs which at times form not only a serious military obstacle, but also a very unpleasant one. However, the areas are, as a rule, close to Barracks, and are easy to reach.

The companies at training were constantly seen by the Commander of the 3rd Infantry Brigade, Brigadier-General Hammersley, also by Major-General Grierson and Lieutenant-General Sir Horace Smith Dorien, all of whom seemed very well pleased with the work done. The first four Companies at field training finished in the middle of March, when the remaining half Battalion at once commenced and will continue until mid-April, when Battalion training begins.

Turning from the subject of work to that of sport, the principle event of recent time was the cross-country run held by the units of the Bordon Garrison on the 15th March. It was unfortunate that the Battalion team did not make a better finish, only coming in fourth, but much useful knowledge was gained with reference to this branch of sport, and this knowledge should prove of great assistance to them in the future.

A few days after the cross country run, the Hammersley Bayonet Fighting Competition was held. This was a most interesting and excellent competition, the teams being drawn by lot from the whole Company, and the drawing only taking place a day before the event, fresh draws taking place after each round. The preliminary rounds were fought off between Companies, F Company being the winning team of the Battalion. In the semi-final they met and defeated a team of the 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade, but were themselves defeated by a team of the 1st Worcestershire Regiment, after a most excellent fight. The final was very exciting with a team of a N.C.O. and eight men. The men fought off first, and at the finish the score stood four all.

The N.C.O.'s of each team then had to fight to decide who should be the winners, and here the Worcestershire Regiment had the luck, for they drew a N.C.O. who was a gymnastic instructor. So the contest was soon finished, but all credit is due to F Company's team.

The Regimental Point-to-Point was held on the 21st March in conjunction with the 3rd Rifle Brigade, when a most successful afternoon's racing took place. The day was fine and

the going good, as the ground had dried up well. Three very good races took place, the finishes all being very close. The Royal West Kent Regimental Challenge Cup was won by 2nd-Lieutenant W. V. Palmer on Colonel R. C. Style's Brian Bru. There were eleven starters for this event, Captain Hickson being beaten by a head. The other events were the 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade Battalion Race, and an open race for horses the property of officers in the Aldershot command, for which there were twenty-eight entries and some very good racing.

In addition to the foregoing the Battalion has twice been "At Home" at the Skating Rink. Here roller skating takes place on certain days from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. These "At Homes" are given in turn by the various units in the Garrison, and are very well attended.

1st BATTALION CORRESPONDENT.

A COMPANY.

BORDON, HANTS.
March 20th, 1910.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I now have the pleasure of forwarding you my notes for this month, and with our field training finished and the Easter leave approaching, everything and everybody is smiling. Our first sporting item of interest since my last notes was with E Company in the General Grierson Bayonet Fighting Shield, in which a team of eight is picked from the hat in which all the Company are represented, so one never knows who may be called upon to fight; it may be the youngest or the oldest soldiers. In the present case the draw favoured both Companies with a fairly strong team, and although we lost, I must say that the display that at least three of our team gave was disappointing and below par, and one man in particular, with experience and past training in his favour, was knocked down on two occasions, which must have been a surprise to both himself and the onlookers. I myself looked upon his bout as a certain win for A Company. Our next adventure was in the Brigade Marathon, which was won by the Worcesters; but again our luck was out, as our crack and the hope of the Regiment, had the misfortune to hurt his ankle while jumping an obstacle at Weavers Down, and at the time that this occurred he was leading for at least four miles, and would probably have finished up an easy winner—hard luck, undoubtedly. I will now turn to the bright side of my reports, for on the 16th inst. we played H Company a friendly game of football, and after a very good game we beat them 3—2. Again the Brothers Claridge played a very good game, especially "Tom, the Wizard," who toyed with their defence, and continually had the backs in "Queer Street"; in fact, all our team played a very good and clean game, the same refers to H Company. We are now drawn against E Company in the Battalion Shield, and although we have not the array of Internationals that they can command, I hope to report either a win or a glorious exit in my ensuing notes, but of this more anon. My last, but not least remark is in reference to our botanical and vegetarian departments, which have made rapid progress under the able management of Pvt. Baldock, who promises to serve the Company up with some home-grown vegetables in the near future, and should greatly benefit the Company mess book, which I hear is shortly to reign again. I am sure everyone will welcome the old style back again, and if the decision was left to a show of hands I guarantee a return of 80 per cent. of any Company in favour of the "Company Messing." This concludes my notes for this month, with the promise of several sporting

items in my next report, as the various shields are about to be fought for.

A COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

C COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Having completed our Annual Company Training amidst the Hampshire bogs, and in the meantime being favoured with plenty of rain, we were examined by the Colonel on Friday, 11th March. During the month of February sport has been rather neglected owing to the aforementioned training, everybody's mind being occupied by "What is a Skirmisher," etc. In the Brigade Cross-country Championship we were represented by the following:—Corpl. Loft, Pvts. Lane and Cumberland, who ran fairly well and finished half way. In the Brigade Bayonet Fighting Shield we were drawn against G Company, and lost after a close finish. Each team winning four fights, the team leaders then met to decide who should enter the next round, Corpl. Nurden beating Sergt. Maslin after an amusing fight, which caused much laughter amongst the onlookers. At football we have only played two matches during the month. Our first was against G Company of the Worcestershire Regiment. This match not being of any importance our team consisted chiefly of reserves, who played fairly well considering it was the first time they had turned out for the Company. In the first half we started off with a rush and scored three goals before our opponents had settled down. Nothing more of any importance happened before half-time, and the interval arrived with the score three to none in our favour. In the second half our opponents quickly got to work and tried hard to reduce our lead, but our defence proved too much for them, and gradually wore them down. We further increased our lead by two more goals in the last ten minutes of the game, and thus ran out easy winners by five goals to nil. Team—Brown, Lane, Hawkes, Kempton, Bagwell, Bonfield, Sergt. Harris, Moss, Corpl. Sewell, Rose, and Young. Our second match was versus B Company of the East Yorkshire Regiment, which was played in brilliant sunshine on Oxney Fields. We were not at full strength, being minus Brown, Lane, Pronger, and Young, which greatly weakened our defence. Corpl. Powell winning the toss, decided to play with the wind and sun in our favour. The game opened very slowly at first until both teams found their feet and tried hard to gain the lead, but without success. It was not until the game was fifteen minutes old that Mitchell received and put to Johnson, who tricked several players, and passed to Col.-Sergt. Reeves, who went down the line and centred beautifully, but there was no one there to put the finishing touch to it. We again attacked and bombarded their citadel for fully five minutes, but try as we would we failed to score, our shots going wide of the mark. At last Harris received and passed to Johnsson, these two players going partly through the defence and then passed to Reeves, who took the opportunity and centred to Powell, who netted our first point. Shortly after this Harris receiving, raced through the defence and scored with a splendid low drive, giving the goalie no chance whatever. The same player added another shortly afterwards from a scrimmage in front of goal. After this give and take play followed until some pretty work by the East Yorkshire's forwards resulted in them reducing our lead to three goals to one. Shortly after this the interval arrived with the score as stated. The second half opened with the Yorks, taking advantage of wind, trying hard to get on level terms, but our defence drove them back, and our forwards took up the attack and gradually wore our oppo-

nents down. After some good mid-field play, Mitchell placed the ball well up the field, and Johnson, after some good individual play, netted, taking the goalie by surprise. The East Yorkshire's not losing heart quickly broke away and netted twice in quick succession, and would have got on even terms if it had not been for the fine work of our defence, and when our forwards got to work and gave the York's defence a lively five minutes, it ended in us being awarded a penalty owing to their back handling in penalty area, Harris taking the kick further increased our lead. Shortly afterwards we had matters almost our own way, owing to the East Yorkshires not being able to keep up the pace. Our sixth goal came through Mitchell, who scored from twenty yards range with a lovely drive. The Yorks now tried hard to reduce our lead, and working their way down the field were awarded a penalty through Powell, who, in trying to clear, caught the ball on his chest, and was pulled up for handling, being a mistake on the referee's part, who was not close enough to see what really happened. However, we were not to be done, for Moss brought off a splendid save, which was smartly cleared by the backs. In the last few minutes of the game Sharp, who had been playing a very clever game, ran down the left and centred to Johnson, who netted our last point, this bringing the game to an end, and we ran out winners by seven goals to three. Team—Moss, Lc.-Corpl. Dowsett, Corpl. Powell, Sergt. Cordeaux, Pvt. Mitchell, Lc.-Corpl. Lindsay, Col.-Sergt. Reeves, Pvt. Johnson, Sergt. Harris, Pvt. Bagwell, and Lc.-Corpl. Sharp. Referee, Pvt. Kirby.

Before going to press we find that H Company are drawn to meet us in the Inter Company Football Shield.

C COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

E COMPANY.

17th March, 1910.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have now the pleasure of forwarding you my notes for this month. Company training being over, we now find more time for sport. We formed a Bayonet Fighting Team which, after beating H Company, was unfortunate enough to lose to F Company, who ultimately proved to be the best bayonet fighting Company in the Battalion. It was a highly exciting time when the contests took place. Four out of the eight competitors won their bouts, leaving the commanders to fight off for the decision. The Master-Shoemaker was our commander and had the ill-luck to lose to F Company's commander (Sergt. Taylor). However, we are not giving up hopes of shining in this direction, as we are entering a few of our best bayonet fighters for the Aldershot Tournament. The under-named are those selected for this important event: Lce.-Corpls. Stearn, Woodward and Strong, Ptes. Fitzgerald and Ford, who, we trust, will worthily uphold the credit of the Company.

After a rather disappointing season as regards football, we are looking forward to cricket, with great hopes of capturing the Shield.

For the Brigade cross-country run we found three competitors, out of whom Pte. Scott proved himself to be the best man in the Company by coming in second out of the whole Battalion.

E COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

F COMPANY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I will now let you have a little correspondence once again. We have been well to the fore in the Bayonet Fighting for

the "Hammersley Bayonet Fighting Cup," having got into the final. This Cup has been presented by Brigadier-General Hammersley, who is commanding the 3rd Brigade, and is to be fought for by Regiments stationed at Bordon, this being the first year of the competition. Teams for this Cup are not specially selected or trained, but are picked out in quite an haphazard way, the best Company furnishing a team to represent the Battalion against other teams of the Brigade.

We first met D Company on the 8th inst., whom we defeated; then G Company on the 10th inst. in the semi-final of the Battalion, when we again proved successful. We then had to meet E Company, on the 11th inst., in the final, and we were again successful, in consequence of which we had the honour of furnishing the team to represent the Battalion.

On the 17th inst. the Cup had to be fought for by teams of the Brigade, so with our haphazard team we trooped off to the Brigade Square, where we first met the Rifle Brigade, against whom we were successful. We were then left in the final for the Cup, in which we had to meet the 1st Battalion Worcester Regiment. Great was the excitement when the two teams marched into the ring. Both teams were very evenly matched, the result being a draw. Then came the critical moment when the team leaders had to meet to decide the winners, but unfortunately for us the leader of the opposing team proved to be the best man. However, we must not get down-hearted, but look forward to having better luck next time.

There was also a Brigade Cross-country Run this month, in which Pte. Ballard of our Company was the first to get in out of the runners of the Battalion.

We are now going strong at Company Training, for which so far we have had very favourable weather. This is a splendid part of the country for training, the only great drawback being the number of bogs through which we have to go knee-deep very often, but that only adds to the pleasure of the training, as of course it makes the operations appear the more realistic, and therefore more interesting.

The sections are now very busy in their flower gardens growing flowers, by which they hope to gain a good place in the flower show. All individuals are keenly interested.

Well, Mr. Editor, I cannot think of any more that I can tell you this month, but I hope that I shall now be able to keep up regular correspondence.

F COMPANY'S CORRESPONDENT.

DRUMS CORRESPONDENCE.

8th April, 1910.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

We journeyed to Aldershot on Saturday, the 5th inst., to visit our friends the Buffs' Drummers, who on their visit to Bordon failed to beat us at football, so I expect when they invited us to the "Shot" to play them hockey, they naturally thought they would whack us at something, but that whacking was not forthcoming, especially when we hold such good players at sticks as Sergt.-Drmr. Press, Drmrs. Pease and Standen, and several others. However, when we arrived at Aldershot we thought we were on furlough for about a second, and then that thought vanished and we arrived at the Buffs' abode and after a hearty handshake all round we divested ourselves of our tunics, etc., and soon appeared on their square to receive a good hiding, and I might as well say it was the first time to my recollection that we had played together as a team at hockey. However, we lined up and we soon found out they were not too good at hockey, for our Sergt.-Drummer soon scored our first goal after some good

tussling, and that must have roused their blood, for I must say that in my position as custodian I began to shake, for they rushed round me and started smashing away, but I did not have too much to do, because our two backs were staunch friends to me, as I soon found out when I got a couple of smacks, and our backs playing nicely saved me a few more, and I am very pleased they did. However, we managed to repel this onslaught, but our opponents scored a few minutes later. I was in a sort of a scrum outside goal at the time, and turning round saw that irresistible ball roll inside our goal, having no opportunity whatever of saving it. In the second half our Sergeant-Drummer remarked that we should "Have to win," and the whole team set out with a will to obey this injunction, especially the forwards. Our second goal was obtained soon after the re-start through Sergt.-Drmr. Press and a few minutes later the same player, after good play, secured our third point. This concluded the scoring, and we retired winners of a well contested game by three goals to one. Special praise is due to Sergt.-Drmr. Press for his work in the forward line, his peculiar knack of twisting the ball into goal being altogether too much for the Bufls' goalkeeper.

The West Kent Drummers were represented by:—Goal, Corpl F. Coe; Drummers Winch and Stevens, Lce.-Corpl. Gregg, Lce.-Corpl. Stroud, Drmr. G. Coe, Sergt.-Drmr. Press, Drmrs. Lofthouse, A. Coe, Standen, and Pease.

A very enjoyable tea was afterwards supplied by our friends in their Dining Hall, which was tastefully decorated. During the evening we played a return tournament of nines and fives. On the first occasion we were successful by five games to two, but this time we resolved to play a knock-out, and in the end the finalists were Corpl. F. Coe and Drmr. McCaffery; also Drmrs. G. Coe and Pearce, and as we were all of the same we let the game stop, there being no winners but all finalists.

DRUMS CORRESPONDENT.

ROYAL ARMY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

SIXTH MONTHLY MEETING.

The above meeting took place in the Wesleyan Hall on Thursday, the 10th instant, and started at 8 p.m., the chair being taken by Lieut.-Col. R. C. Style. The speaker was Captain Webb, a retired officer, who gave some very interesting facts, etc., to all present, especially referring to the younger soldiers. After his speech the Chairman rose and said what a good institution the Royal Army Temperance Association was, and what a lot of good it had done all round, and especially requested all present who had not previously signed the pledge to do so now, as now was the time, and later on might not do, for once a man has taken to drink it is hard, as most people say, to leave it alone again. He also mentioned that his own regiment, the 1st Queen's Own, had rather a large number of members, 240, which, I might add, is nothing near it was in Malta, when they were about 500 strong, and now in Bordon I don't see why our own n.c.o.'s and men should not join the R.A.T.A., for I know the majority of our Regiment are staunch teetotallers, but not yet signed the pledge, and hope when they have read this they will do so straight away, and also sometime this year will when this event comes off, that our Branch sends in a shooting team to try and win the R.A.T.A. Shooting Shield and prize money.

YOUR R.A.T.A. REPRESENTATIVE.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

The following men have been transferred to the Army Reserve:—7207 Private J. Payne, 2nd March, 1910; 645 Private W. Patston, 2nd March, 1910.

Good Conduct Badges have been awarded as follows:—1st Badge—8839 Private J. Potter, 18th November, 1909; 8919 Lance-Corporal E. Mills, 28th February, 1910; 8853 Private F. Coppins, 30th December, 1909; 8903 Private C. Steele, 6th February, 1910; 8905 Private G. Edmonds, 10th February, 1910; 8220 Private W. French, 28th February, 1910; 8990 Private A. Banfield, 27th January, 1910; 8146 Private W. Barnett, 11th February, 1910; 8921 Private J. Savage, 3rd March, 1910; 8922 Private A. Ralph, 3rd March, 1910; 8924 Private F. Clarke, 6th March, 1910; 8923 Pte. E. Joyce. 2nd Badges—8938 Private W. Gower, 8th March, 1910; 8021 Drummer H. Shrubsole.

No. 2820 Sergeant G. Seaton has been discharged at his own request after completing 18 years' service and is struck off the strength of the Battalion from 4th March, 1910.

No. 9219 Private E. Ellis has been transferred to the 125th Battery, R.F.A., to serve with an elder brother, from 25th February, 1910; and 8724 Private J. Bufford has been transferred to the Army Veterinary Corps, from the 8th March, 1910.

No. 7321 Lance-Sergeant G. Reeves, 4732 Lance-Sergt. H. Taylor, 8675 Lance-Corporal H. Venables, 5602 Lance-Corporal W. Gregg, 8296 Lance-Corporal W. Hampton, and 9022 Lance-Corporal V. Hundley receive the pay of their appointments from 5th March, 1910; Lance-Corporal Mathers, 9th March, 1910; 8711 Lance-Corporal F. Davies, 15th March, 1910.

Certificates of Education have been awarded as follows:—Second Class—9191 Private E. Smith, 9229 Private W. Searle, 25th February, 1910. Third Class—8902 Private T. Manton, 9191 Private E. Smith, 8972 Private W. Harrigan, 25th February, 1910.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s have been permitted to re-engage to complete 21 years' service.—7421 Sergeant R. Brown, 5161 Lance-Corporal H. Doree, 9th May, 1910.

No. 8021 Drummer H. Shrubsole has been permitted to extend his service to complete 12 years with the colours.

No. 3150 Private A. Rock has been discharged at his own request after 18 years' service.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the undermentioned subscriptions for 1910:—Colonel R. H. P. Doran, Colonel Morphew, V.D., Captain J. H. Kennedy and Mr. W. G. Ball; Q.M.-Sergt. Baker for 1910 and 1911; Mr. Hurrel, Miss Macaulay, and Mr. J. Muddle for 1910.

2ND BATTALION NEWS.

No. 7659 Lance-Sergeant F. Vincent has been permitted to extend his services to complete 12 years colour service, dated January 22nd, 1910.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion have been awarded Swimming Certificates, dated Feb., 1910 : 7999 Corporal W. Morrish, 8911 Lce.-Corporal W. Johnson, 8464 Privates A. Horne, 8736 A. Fouracres, 8039 J. Evans, 8854 A. Bodkin, 8113 G. Croft, 8365 A. Hosken, 8702 F. Jordan, 9085 H. Devenport, 8598 J. Payne, 9075 W. Wall, 8073 W. Ovenden, 9104 W. Funnell, 8909 H. Roberts, 8755 E. Saville, 8484 E. Ward, 8433 J. Wood, 8898 G. Vickers, 8620 W. Hazlewood, 8811 R. George, 8722 W. Finch, 8696 J. Foulds, 8582 T. Lissenden, 8847 R. Seaton, 8646 S. Wright, 8447 H. Martin, 8400 E. Briselden, 8869 A. Carter, 8861 W. King, 8833 E. Everest, 9017 W. Steel, 8772 E. Knott, 8880 A. Phillips, 6219 Dr. C. Jones.

No. 6395 Private W. Jordan and 6396 Private T. Jordan were paid to and for February 22nd, 1910, and transferred to the Army Reserve from that date, with permission to proceed to Australia.

No. 6801 Private J. Cox has been permitted to extend his service to complete 12 years with the colours, dated February 19th, 1910.

No. 8997 Private W. Pattenden has been transferred to the 14th Hussars to serve with an elder brother.

The following N.C.O.'s and Men have been granted a furlough for six months to proceed to England. They embarked on the Hired Transport "Dongola" on the 2nd March, 1910 :—4989 Sergeant Dr. W. Sayer, 5997 Lance-Sergeant F. Hare, 6048 Corporal A. Cox, 6203 Lce.-Corporal H. Maynard, 6065 Musician J. Falkner, 6178 Musician R. Falkner.

The undermentioned are awarded G.C. Badges on dates as stated :—8427 Lce.-Corporal A. Hussey, 1st, dated February 13th, 1910 ; 8063 Privates R. White, 2nd, dated February 3rd, 1910 ; 8030 W. Carden, 2nd, dated January 3rd, 1910 ; 8039 J. Evans, 2nd, dated March 8th, 1910 ; 8743 H. Munyard, 1st, dated September 20th, 1909 ; 7706 A. Heathfield, 1st, dated February 3rd, 1910 ; 8904 E. Broad, 1st, dated February 6th, 1910 ; 8910 A. Holt, 1st, dated February 12th, 1910 ; 8842 H. Benham, 1st, dated January 25th, 1910 ; 8019 A. Seagraves, 2nd, dated January 23rd, 1910 ; 7813 E. Cook, 1st, dated February 10th, 1910 ; 8855 A. Brown, 1st, dated December, 30th, 1909 ; 8178 R. Spencer, 1st, dated February 11th, 1910 ; 8529 C. Phillips, 1st, dated February 22nd, 1910.

The undermentioned are restored G.C. Badges on dates as stated :—5410 Musician F. Edwards, 2nd, dated February 18th, 1910 ; 7482 Musician S. Austin, 2nd, dated February 18th, 1910 ; 7930 A. Batty, 1st, dated February 18th, 1910 ; 8143 Private A. Cooke, 1st, dated February 8th, 1910 ; 8395 Private C. Ruth, 1st, dated February 18th, 1910.

SUNSET ON THE HIMALAYA MOUNTAINS—
AN INSPIRATION.

I stand outside my Bungalow at eventide, when the twilight shadows flit across one's path, bringing with them a sense of loneliness and irresistible longing for home ; when the native boys have retired for the night, and not a sound to break one's communion of thought save for the occasional twitter of birds in the jungle. I awake from my reverie, and gaze over the hills, over native huts, tea plantations and jungle, till at last my eyes rest on the distant heights—sunset on the mountains, what a sight for painter, poet, and nature lover. High above the plains there tower monuments of natural architecture, impressive of strength and silent grandeur, with the ethereal glow of the sunset illuminating their snow covered peaks.

As I gaze at this magnificence my loneliness leaves me. True, I think of home, of the comrades I have left behind, but nature has lifted me out of the sordid interest of a prosaic existence and reinvigorates my spirit to do justice to the duties of life and to keep true to the dear ones at home.

P.H.B.

KITCHENER'S TEST.

BY No. 9.

'Ave yer 'eard, my stay-at-home Laddie,
Of a small thing called Kitchener's Test ?
You, who stays at home with yer daddie,
'Ave yer marched with lead on yer chest ?

You may 'ave trooped colours, my sonny,
Chucked a chest in the sun dressed in red ;
But "Kit's Test's" no joke bet yer money,
With the foss pouring down on yer 'ead.

But it's done, my cocky, we done it,
Through dust and pawnee, 'eat and mire ;
We 'ad to march and we 'ad to run it,
With our throats dry and our chests on fire.

But we got the General's praise, lad,
And wot's more, praise from our Colonel too ;
And deserved it, for we worked like mad,
To bring 'onour to the old Sky Blue.

You say you'd a done it lad, p'raps so,
And when you'r as old a sweat as me ;
You'll come out, sonny, and 'ave a go,
But by then I'll be time Ex. and free.

P.H.B.

DEPOT AND 3RD BATTALION NOTES.

In accordance with paragraph 5, "Instructions regarding Individual Training 1909-10," the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief has selected the essays of the following in the officers order of merit shown below :—

(4) Lieut. H. A. Waring, Royal West Kent Regiment.

The essays, with certain exceptions, showed that officers had taken considerable trouble in their composition and had made a careful study of the campaign.

It was observed that many of the writers expressed themselves at unnecessary length, and seemed to forget that in

military compositions, brevity, conciseness, and absence of ambiguity are points of the greatest importance.—(From E.C. Orders dated 22nd March, 1910).

During Easter the Band of the 7th Hussars put up at the Barracks on the occasion of their performing under the baton of their bandmaster, Mr. J. Slattery, at a sacred concert held at the Maidstone Skating Rink on Good Friday.

The Battalion will train at Shorncliffe for the current year between the 25th July and the 13th August.

During March the new Judging Distance Tests laid down in the 1909 Musketry Regulations for Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers took place for the first time in the neighbourhood of Sandling.

A Administrative Company had no failures, with a percentage of error of 12.4, while E Company, with the percentage of 9.7, had two failures. The tests take place quarterly on unfamiliar ground up to distances of 1,400 yards, half a minute being allowed for computing each distance, and those whose mean error (for the four practices) exceeds 20 per cent. are not to be classified as more than 2nd Class Shots, irrespective of their capabilities as marksmen on the Ranges.

No. 3,545 Pvt. D. Morgan, 4345 Pvt. W. Castle, 6,327 Pvt. J. Watts, and 6,044 Pvt. J. Brown joined the Home Battalion at Bordon, on the 8th March, on completion of their tour at the Depot. They were relieved by 5,176 Pvt. R. Wyatt, 7,899 Pvt. W. Hay, 8,835 Pvt. H. Rutherford, and 4,352 Pvt. E. May, who arrived at Maidstone on the 4th March, 1910.

No. 3,246 Pvt. F. Chapman has been granted his fourth G.C. Badge dated 5th February, 1910.

No. 2,995 Sergt. W. Mallan (P.S.) qualified in the usual Musketry Course at Hythe, dated 22nd February, 1910, and also at the Small Arms Factory at Enfield Lock, dated 3rd March, 1910.

No. 6,528 Drmr. C. Baker (from 2nd Battalion) assumes his true name, "Charles Henry Johnson," from 7th March, 1910.

No. 5,176 Pvt. R. Wyatt re-engaged for the R.W. Kent Regiment at Maidstone for such term as shall complete 21 years' service, dated 9th March, 1910.

No. 5,326 Sergt. G. Pittman (S.R.) has been discharged on completion of his term of engagement with the Special Reserve, dated 14th March, 1910.

No. 6,303 Pvt. W. Pink has joined for duty from the 1st Battalion, and is taken on the strength from 19th March, 1910. Pvt. Pink has been undergoing a course of instruction at Pimlico with a view of taking up an appointment as a master tailor of a Battalion.

The following n.c.o.'s and recruits of the regular establishment have been awarded Certificates of Education as follows:—Second-class, Lce.-Corpls. 8033 G. Brown, 8872 W. Hodges, 8827 J. Morrison, 8107 A. Sheppard, 9326 Pte.

F. Martin, Third-class, Ptes. 9361 E. Foster, 9362 F. Roberson, 9360 H. Simmonds, 9356 G. Rose, 9355 A. Runacres, 9351 H. Hutchings, 9318 J. Pattenden, 9364 E. Ballard, 9347 B. Woodward, 9387 H. Hazell, 9333 B. Howson, 9384 G. Cole, 9386 H. Cole.

Recruits of the Special Reserve have been awarded Certificates of Education as follows:—Second-class, Ptes. 7957 W. Baker, 7963 H. Horlock, 7942 J. Yorkston. Third-class, Ptes. 7938 H. Wood, 7940 A. Mires, 7978 A. McCaffrey, 7929 J. Bateup, 7973 G. Graham, 7941 F. Forrester.

DEPOT FOOTBALL NOTES.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Since my last notes were published we have been beaten on two occasions, making the total losses for the season to date three. In all we have played 26 matches, out of which we have won 19, lost three, and drawn four, not a bad record when one considers how unlucky we have been in not securing much fresh talent from among the recruits. However, we were fortunate enough to pick up Pte. Handley, who was a good partner to Lc.-Cpl. Sheppard as inside-right; also Pte. Barry, of the 2nd Battalion, as centre-forward. We have only one more League match to decide—versus Snodland Invicta. If the gods are good to us we may run out runners-up in the Maidstone and District League.

In the Hospital Charity Cup Competition we were not so fortunate. We played the Centrals F.C. and beat them by 2 to 1, but they successfully appealed on the grounds that we played two ineligible players, Woodward and Keeble of the 1st Battalion, who were on furlough in Maidstone. The decision of the Army Football Association in this case is, I think, very hard on Depots like ours; also, that a rule was framed to meet our particular case, seems hardly right. They decided that "all Competitions (military) in which Army Cup teams compete should be considered as Senior Competitions." The Secretary of the Army Football Association goes on to say: "If therefore, as I believe, the Battalion team of the Royal West Kent Regiment is competing in the Bordon Military League, the players in question would be apparently ineligible under your rule, if they have played three (3) times in that Competition."

Unfortunately the result of the re-play that followed this decision was unfavourable to us. The Centrals at time were on a level, both sides being one goal up. Extra time was played, and the Centrals eventually won by two goals to one.

I append a list of matches and results.

MAIDSTONE AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

	Team.	Result.	Score.
January 8th.....	Snodland	Lost.....	1—4
„ 22nd.....	Church Institute	Won ...	3—1
February 5th ...	Burham	Won ...	
„ 12th	Snodland	Won ...	2—1
March 5th.....	Malling	Won ...	3—1
„ 19th.....	Wouldham.....	Won ...	2—1
„ 26th.....	Aylesford	Won ..	6—0

HOSPITAL CHARITY CUP.

January 1st.....	Centrals	Won ...	2—1
February 26th.....	Centrals	Lost.....	1—2

FOOTBALL MATCH.

MARRIED SERGEANTS v. SINGLE SERGEANTS.

The Barrack Field on March 8th was once more the scene of a Titanic struggle between teams composed of "Benedicts" and "Batchelors." The match was billed to start at 3.15 p.m., but as is usually the case it was some time later when it actually started. The teams lined up as follows:—

"Blues" (Benedicts)—Goal, Sergeant Urquhart; backs, Sergeants Dorrell and Thompson; halves, Colour-Sergeant Kingham, Sergeant Kemp, and Corporal Wood; forwards, Sergeant Faulkner, Colour-Sergt Saunders, Colour-Sergt Croucher, Corporal Cousins, and Colour-Sergeant Jarrad.

"Canaries" (Bachelors)—Goal, Sergeant McVicar; backs, Sergeants Keen and Mallan; halves, Sergeants McGee, Kimber, and Catt; forwards, Sergeant Pelling, Corporal Bough, Sergeants Bishop, Hutchings, and Lander.

The match was attended by the majority of the recruits and regular establishment and several of the fairer sex. Many a League match played on this ground has failed to arouse the same enthusiasm as this match did. Two players, one on each side, seemed to have made a slight mistake in the season as they turned out apparently to play cricket. One of them appeared in white flannels with putties, and the other was seen to be wearing cricket boots. In fact, to many of the players the game seemed to be strange and some were of opinion that they were playing handball, at least, the frequent blowing of the whistle for hands made it appear so. The recruits seemed to be enjoying the discomforture of their Instructors. One wonders why Chelsea, Woolwich, and the 'Spurs are so low in the League this season when such an array of talented footballers can turn out in one match so near to them. It is also rumoured that Everton and Newcastle are in communication with one or two. For the Canaries Mac, Uncle, Father, and Laddie were the most prominent, and Trundley, Percy, Bert, Charles, and the Master Bobajee played a sterling game for the winners. The designations "Mac," "Uncle," and "Father," would appear to be slightly misplaced as both are single men with no prospects. However, readers who were not present at the match will better appreciate the game if a short report be given.

The Canaries won the toss, and from the kick-off made a concentrated attack on the enemy's citadel. This initial effort was easily repulsed by the Blues rear guard. For a period of ten minutes ensued a ding dong mid-field struggle from which the Blues emerged victorious. They practically bombarded the Canaries' goal for the next twenty minutes. The spectators were constantly urging the Blues to shoot, but though their intentions were good the results were nil. This period, like the last half-hour of the second half, reminded one of Tennyson's famous poem, "The charge of the Light Brigade," as the Blues "shot to the right of the goal, they shot to the left of it, and in fact they shot all round it, but never a shot reached its mark." This lack of success was chiefly due to the excellent display given by Mac and Father. The Blues' efforts were at last rewarded. Trundley secured and banged the ball past Mac at a lightning velocity. This reverse seemed to wake the Canaries. Their forwards, with the confidence of a line of Bloomers and Woodward, charged down the field, giving a great display of scientific combination short passing. A bout of short passing in front of the Blues' goal resulted in Bough securing the ball. He made no mistake, and banged the ball past Urquhart into the far corner of the net. Shortly after the whistle blew for half-time.

On the resumption it was noticed that the Canaries were only playing ten men. Their team had also been reconstructed as Father, who had been playing a magnificent game at right back, was seen to be among the skirmishers. Both teams showed signs of fatigue, especially the Canaries. The Blues at once got away and scored through the agency of Trundley. Shortly after they were awarded a penalty, which was taken by the Master Bobajee and admirably saved by Mac. They, however, soon received consolation, as from a goal kick Trundley secured and returned while Mac was lighting his pipe, and thus scored a soft goal. The game now resolved into a passive defence by the Canaries, who seemed to be very short winded and were unable to make an attempt to force their opponents back. Through a miskick by Uncle the Blues once more scored; this time through Bert. This made number four, and things were looking black for the Canaries. However, this long spell of attack by the Blues was shortly after this broken. The Canaries made a concentrated sweeping movement right up the field, which ended in Father securing the leather and putting it out of the reach of the Blues' goalie; he scored number two for the bachelors. The end was now drawing near, and despite heroic attempts by the Canaries, the Blues through Percy again scored. The end arrived with the Canaries once more attacking, and beaten by five goals to two.

ADVENT OF THE DEPOT STRING BAND.

March 9th, 1910, was a Red Letter Day for the Depot, when they were let into the secret of the existence among them of a STRING BAND. For some few weeks past mysterious sounds have been heard emanating from the building which is occupied by the R.A.T.A., and many were the speculations as to what it could mean. However, at 7.30 p.m. prompt on the above date, a much crowded audience listened to the strains of the opening selection, "The Spanish Serenade," which was rendered by THE ORCHESTRA, under the conductorship of Col.-Sergt. Jarrad. I append below the programme of a variety concert which followed. Overture, "The Spanish Serenade," Orchestra; sentimental song, "The Diver," Dr. Lythall; comic song, "Stick to me tight," Dr. Francis; humorous song, "My Sugar Plum," Corpl. H. Wood; selection, "The Bulgarian Patrol," Orchestra; droll song, "The Dollar never grew," Pte. Staples; comic song, "Silvery Moon," encore, "Coon Breakdown," Corpl. H. Wood and Dr. Francis; humorous song, "Don't take me home," Sergt. Urquhart; selection, "Hettie Waltz," Orchestra. Interval. Overture, "Rialto," Orchestra; sentimental song, "There came a cry to England," Pte. Staples; humorous song, "Iv'e been out with Charlie Brown," Sergt. Urquhart; selection, "Il Trovatore," Orchestra; sentimental song, "Round the Camp Fire," Dr. Lythall; comic song, "The Camp Town Races," encore, "Comic Duologue," Corpl. H. Wood and Dr. Francis; comic song, "The Irish Jubilee," Corpl. H. Wood; "God Save the King." Much amusement was obtained from the efforts of Corpl. H. Wood and Dr. Francis, which were well received and deservedly encored. The rendition of that well known ballad "There came a cry to England, by Pte. Staples (recalling as it does the assassination of President Garfield) deserves special mention, this, the young artiste's initial effort being quite the feature of the evening. The droll rendering of Sergt. Urquhart's songs brought rounds of applause, while the refrain of "Poor Old Charlie Brown" still echoes o'er the Barrack Square as I write this effusion.

Dr. Lythall's deep bass voice is well suited to his songs. It was a matter for regret that owing to indisposition a favourite (Sergt. Kimber) was unable to appear, while the time-limit prevented the appearance of Corpl. T. Wood.

During the evening we were patronised by the appearance of Major and Mrs. A. Martyn, Captains C. Druce, G. D. Lister, H. D. Buchanan-Dunlop and Liebenrood, Lieutenants Waring and Hardy, and also the whole of the officers at present attending the School of Instruction.

The following is the composition of the Orchestra:—Col.-Sergt. Jarrad, flute (conductor); Messrs. B. T. Whittaker and W. Wadkinson, first violins; Dr. Robertson and Pte. Wells, second violins; Col.-Sergt. Kingham, mandola; Lce.-Sergt. Pelling, mandola; Sergt. J. McGee, bass viol.; Sergt. F. Crossley, pianist, while the management devolves on Col.-Sergt. (O.R.S.) A. L. Bellion.

4TH BATTALION NOTES.

A very interesting War Game took place at Tonbridge, on Saturday, February 26th. The umpires were Colonel Simpson (commanding 4th Battalion), Captain and Adjutant P. Hastings (4th Battalion), and Captain and Adjutant C. F. Adams (Kent Cyclist Battalion). The Officers taking part were:—Red Force: Lt.-Col. C. E. Warner (Kent Cyclist Battalion), Captain A. H. Cohen, Lieut. L. Smithers, Lieut. C. Bertram Robb, Lieut. H. Smithers, Lieut. A. R. Kelsey, and Lieut. H. F. Kelland (4th R.W. Kent Regiment. Blue Force: Major C. H. Watney, Captain Sir H. B. Cohen, Bart., Captain Lamargue, Lieut. A. R. Cheale, Lieut. P. Jude, and Lieut. P. F. Warner. The field of operations lay between Bagshot and Sunningdale, an excellent country for the movement of cyclists, a large body of whom was supposed to be employed. The general idea of the game was that a hostile column (blue) having landed in the south had inflicted several defeats on the defenders, and its columns were marching on London. One of these Blue columns was moving from south of Bagshot with imperative orders to cross the Thames in the neighbourhood of Windsor, and to intercept it the Commander of the Red Forces sent out a mobile column of two Battalions of Cyclists, two Squadrons of Yeomanry, and a Battery of Horse Artillery. The advanced cyclist screen, having found the head of the enemy's flank guard about Ascot Heath, soon afterwards reported that he had turned due east, apparently with the intention of crossing the river at Chertsey. His flank guard, however, strongly reinforced, held practically the whole of one Cyclist Battalion engaged, fighting what was to all intents a rear guard action, and the remainder of the mobile column, moving from the north of Ascot through Sunningdale, was unable to effect its purpose of intercepting the Blue Force before the call of time. Practically no use was made of the Artillery on either side, the level and wooded nature of the ground preventing the respective Commanders from finding suitable gun positions, and the decision of the Umpires was that the Cyclists had failed to make proper use of their mobility, and that consequently the Blue Commander, while probably having to sacrifice the half Battalion of Infantry which was engaged with the Red Force near Ascot Heath, would have effected his purpose and got away to the eastward.

On the conclusion of the War Game, Colonel Simpson entertained the officers present at dinner at the Angel Hotel, and during the evening the umpires delivered their criticisms of the strategy employed on either side.

Second-Lieutenants P. Jude, P. F. Warner, and H. F. Kelland passed the examination for Certificate "A" before a Board of Officers at Maidstone Barracks, on 8th January, 1910. [Eastern Command Order No. 110 of 1910].

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The last copy of this work has been allotted to Captain C. C. Scott, 3rd Battalion Durham Light Infantry, who subscribed £5 5s. Since the notice of the book appeared in the Service papers, seven applications have been made for it, three from important Public Libraries, but the Committee have been obliged to inform the applicants that no more copies are available.

CHARLES F. HITCHINS, Major, Hon. Sec.

BIRTHS.

On March 5th, at 44, Clarendon Road, Holland Park, W., the wife of Major Hubert Isacke, The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), of a son.

At Leborg, on the 4th February, 1910, the wife of Schoolmaster G. Randell, of a son, Philip Craddock.

At Leborg, on the 4th February, 1910, the wife of Sergeant C. Stringer, of a daughter, Dora Minnie.

MARRIAGE.

At Greenwich, on the 19th March, 1910, No. 5345 Sergeant A. Reynolds (1st Battalion) to Miss Julia Eliza Blackmore.

DEATHS.

At Cawnpore, on the 6th January, 1910, the son of Sergeant-Instructor J. Schooling, of Dysentery

At Barrackpore, on the 4th March, 1910, No. 8362, Private A. Cole.

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